

ards with California. Permits licensees hereunder to practice in tax supported or tax exempt hospitals; those entitled to treatment therein or under governmental health system, employers and employees under Labor Code, and persons requiring premarital examination, to choose any system such licensees practice.

Will you kindly acknowledge receipt of this letter, advising whether the foregoing circulation title and summary meets with the approval of Mr. Bowcher.

Very truly yours,

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Conclusions to be Drawn.—Little more need be said at this time. It is evident from what has been stated that the following conclusions may be drawn:

(1) That the chiropractic group has drafted an initiative that will have the very confusing title "Basic Subjects Act", when it appears on this year's State election ballot in November (in case the necessary 212,117 valid signatures are secured by their solicitors); and

(2) That the chiropractic group has taken steps to secure from each of the more than 3,000 chiropractic licentiates of California, the sum of one hundred dollars, or a total collection of more than \$300,000 for use in carrying on their initiative campaign!

Members of the California Medical Association are urged to consider the significance of what is here involved.

It needs no special imagination to appreciate, in war-times such as the present, that the psychologic reaction of many voters will be so stirred concerning other matters that they will have little patience to consider carefully the issues involved in healing art or public health laws.

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The Task Ahead.—Organized medicine, on behalf of non-sectarian practice and really desirous to promote the best interests of the public health, and with the sponsorship of the California Medical Association years ago embarked upon a campaign to give to the people of the State, a protective measure that experience elsewhere has shown to be a real conservator of human health and life. With an objective so beneficent, there must be no hesitancy concerning our course of action, even in times such as these. The gage of battle has been thrown down to Organized Medicine, and by it the gage is accepted.

The educational campaign, to acquaint the electorate concerning the true elements at stake, will go forward with increased vigor. Complacency now has no place in the picture. Let all who can read, ponder on the significance of what has been planned by those who oppose the passage of the

Basic Science Law that has been sponsored by the California Medical Association. After which, let each and all take the proper steps to support the measure, in every legitimate manner, in order to secure for the people of California the enactment of this much-needed legislation,—a Basic Science Law making it mandatory that all practitioners of the healing art shall possess a proper amount of fundamental education.

ANNUAL SESSION, SUNDAY, MAY 3- WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

Program Committees Obligated to Change Their Plans.—The C.M.A. Committee on Scientific Work and the Section Officers were obliged to change the plans for this year's annual session when the war tocsin,—due to Pearl Harbor events,—sounded for Americans on December 7th last. Prior to that day, the officers having the responsibility of developing the scientific programs for the year 1942 were proceeding along those paths which experience at former sessions had demonstrated would make for most interest to C.M.A. members in attendance.

Over-night, however, it was necessary to reconsider all that had been planned; and outline anew, in quite different arrangement of days, general and section meetings, the scientific topics to be stressed.

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War Medicine Will be the Dominating Note.—Naturally, topics dealing with war medicine and surgery, as applicable for both the battle lines and civilian areas, were promptly considered, and decision made in favor of their presentation. Because of their importance, it was felt that these subjects would have greater appeal to attending members when given in general, instead of smaller section and specialized meetings. To that end, in addition to three general meetings, one each on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday mornings, the afternoon of Tuesday was also set aside for a military symposium. Because of demands on physicians' time in their home communities, it was agreed that no meetings would be held this year on Thursday. However, to all intents, the 1942 session will be a four-day session, since the many affiliated activities and organizations of the State Association, and also the technical exhibits will be in full operation on Sunday, as an inspection of the programs will show.

In spite of evident handicaps, it is stimulating to observe the seventy-first annual session gives every promise of becoming as busy in performance as its predecessors of less turbulent years. Certainly, the accommodations for meetings will be much superior, and the accessory activities of scientific exhibits and films will be better placed; while, for the first time in recent sessions at Del Monte, more ample lounge and lobby space in

the Sun Room and south terrace will add to the comfort of visiting guests in search of physical relaxation. For those who enjoy entertainment, the plans for the President's dinner, on Tuesday evening, should have special allure. The programs to be distributed at Del Monte will give additional information.

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Military Exhibit by the First Medical Regiment of the United States Army.—Particular mention must be made of the generous coöperation of Colonel H. H. Towler and his staff of the First Medical Regiment of the United States Army, now stationed at Fort Ord in Monterey County, in making possible a special military exhibit—through a detail of more than 100 men in residence in tents on the Hotel Del Monte grounds, and with complete equipment—an exhibit permitting physicians in civil practice to inspect the medical facilities available at a front battle line. To Colonel H. H. Fowler, Colonel H. L. Krafft of the Ford Ord Post Hospital, and their associates, to Lt. Colonel David H. Myers of the Presidio of San Francisco, and other military colleagues who will take part in the programs, the Association expresses its sincere appreciation.

Elsewhere in this issue, appear the programs of the scientific proceedings. Readers are requested to scan these and make all possible effort to be in attendance for one or more days, at least. The time will be well spent!

PRE-CONVENTION BULLETIN—SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMS AND REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Councilor Responsibilities Mean More Than Empty Honors.—During the twelve months which run their course from one to the next annual session, the work of the State Association is carried on by the Council,—a body consisting of the General Officers, the District Councilors and the Councillors-at-Large. Many members of the Association are not aware of the large amount of time and effort,—often at great sacrifice to personal and professional interests,—involved in Council membership. Especially is such the case, when complications concerning organization activities arise, necessitating extra meetings,—as has been instanced this year in relation to certain medical service problems. The Council meetings cover practically an entire day, no matter how rapidly or efficiently conducted. To that time, must be added the hours lost in travel,—for unlike Eastern commonwealths of lesser geographical area, California has long transportation lines. That the colleagues upon whose shoulders, through council membership, these responsibilities of organized medicine have fallen, do perform their duties so cheerfully and well, is a testimonial to the good judgment of the colleagues who elected them to high office; and in a more general way, is also a tribute to the altruism inherent in physicians who, as a group,

find pleasure in giving service to the best interest of their profession and fellows, as well as to their patients. The reports of Councilors, therefore, are little more than sign-posts that indicate many services, quietly rendered, whenever requested by local colleagues seeking advice or aid.

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Delegates Should Read Pre-Convention Bulletin Reports.—Which leads to the subject of the Officers' and Committee Reports appearing in the "Pre-Convention Bulletin" of this issue, and the importance of their perusal by delegate and alternate members of the House of Delegates. It must not be forgotten that the House of Delegates is the supreme governing body of the California Medical Association. Its policies, once enunciated, and its instructions, once given, must be carried out by the Council and the Component County Medical Societies. That is why it is important that all members of the Association, and particularly those who will take part in the deliberations of the House of Delegates, should take the time to scan and consider the progress reports appearing in the "Pre-Convention Bulletin." (See page 200.)

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Change of Printing Office.—The delay in mailing of the "Pre-Convention Bulletin" is due to several causes, among which may be mentioned the rearrangement of scientific programs, elsewhere referred to, and also the change of press for the OFFICIAL JOURNAL. For almost forty years, CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE was printed in San Francisco by the same firm. The transition to a Los Angeles printer, operating with a separate mailer, with delays incident to transmission of instructions, copy and proofs through the mails instead of by local telephone and messenger, and the natural drawbacks which always exist until all parties concerned, in a somewhat complicated and exact job, work out a system mutually advantageous, may be mentioned as some of the factors accounting for a later mailing appearance. Until the new system becomes a habit with the present printer, the indulgence of members of the Association is requested. Every effort is being made to bring the OFFICIAL JOURNAL back to its former standards and schedules, and as rapidly as possible.

Other State Association and Component County Society News.—Additional news concerning the activities and work of the California Medical Association and its component county medical societies is printed in this issue, commencing on page 258.

Health is indeed a precious thing, to recover and preserve which we undergo any misery, drink bitter potions, freely give our goods; restore a man to his health, his purse lies open to thee. Robert Burton, *Anatomy of Melancholy*. Pt. iii, sec. i, mem. 2, subs. 1.